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DEPARTMENT PASS SECDEF AND JCS AS APPROPRIATE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SW

SUBJECT: SWEDISH SALES OF VIGGEN

REF: STATE 270066

1. SWEDISH APPROACHES TO US TO DATE ON POSSIBLE VIGGEN SALES TO INDIA HAVE NOT BEEN FORMAL OR AIMED AT ELICITING FORMAL USG DECISION. WE HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED SWEDES TO SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST. SYNNERGREN IS NOT EXPECTING EARLY INDICATION OF WASHINGTON'S POSITION.

2. ON NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SYNNERGREN, WE WILL CONVEY POSITION THAT IF AND WHEN SERIOUS POSSIBILITY OF VIGGEN SALE TO INDIA ARISES, TECHNICAL COMPLEXITIES WILL WORK AGAINST EARLY USG DECISION. AT SAME TIME, TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONS TO BOTH SWEDEN AND INDIA, I INTEND TO AVOID GRATUITOUS INSISTENCE ON FACT LONG DELAY MUST BE EXPECTED. IN KEEPING WITH DICTUM THAT JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED, SWEDES WOULD BE LIKELY TO INTERPRET SUCH INSISTENCE AS TANTAMOUNT TO DENIAL.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE NO FIRM ASSURANCE AT THIS POINT THAT GOS ITSELF WOULD NECESSARILY APPROVE SALE OF

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VIGGEN TO INDIA; NOR DO WE KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH SWEDISH MILITARY

WOULD WISH TO SEE AIRCRAFT AVIONICS DOWNGRADED.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, FOR OUR OWN INFORMATION ONLY, BRIEFING
ON DECISION NOT TO SELL NEW-GENERATION AIRCRAFT TO PAKISTAN.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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